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TAFT FORCES IN CALIFORNI LACK AGGRESSIVE LEADER NO

Capture All of the Votes of Bear State

By ERNEST N. SMITH.

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 25 .-There was a time when the political scribe thought only of the men when he wrote; the interest of the politician centered in women only to the extent of smacking small children to win his way to papa's heart through mamma's delight. Perhaps these things are still so in Honolulu-I know not-but I write of things as I find them here. The scribe devotes a few lines of praise to the women-winning attributes of the favorite son; he in turn must be rough and ready to win the labor vote, suave and polished and standing for "the splendid virtues of an ideal home life." And he is begin-

ning to get away with it. No longer does father read his half of the paper while mother reads hers. Both want the same section-the political columns. Father wants to knowvelt man first, or whether the Roosevelt man threw the Taftite down the stairs and then returned gallantly exvoter that sometimes a little fracas was quite the thing to enable the people to rule. Mother wants to know whether the directors of her club de-IMPORTERS OF ORIENTAL GOODS cided that Woodrow Wilson or Taft was the most gentlemanly delegate; which had the most ideal home life,

If anyone wants to get a well-rounded idea of what constitutes American politics, just travel from one end of Spalding and gave it to Works. California to the other. Anything you can't find out that way you won't need

to learn. Things change with a bewildering the present year. suddenness. Witness the La Follette dock. "Thou shalt not steal" became the slogan, and La Follette was bereft fornia. "Let the people rule;" said these gentry, while six or seven men tried to run the State.

Taft Clubs Organized. Taft clubs were organized, but lack ing "loud mouths" failed to impress the public with their side of the ques-

quite lost sight of, the leaders con-

fight of medest dimensions. one would be if supported by Hearst publications. It was a "Clark with us, 'aren't you, Mrs. D-?" vividly as an editor could wax with- early fall months.

Gov. Johnson Laying Plans to out going to jail. His lot seemed a miserable one indeed. One wondered why he lived at all. He seemed to be, according to Hearst, an enemy of every creed and condition of servitude.

Whereupon Wilson won. Now witness the ladies and gentlemen of Democratic distraction mounting the Wilson wagon-that's all. Hearst leaped first, as he generally does, and invited the hordes to join with "me and Wilson." The original Wilson men were almost lost in the stampede. It was a remarkable, if unusual, example of sudden Democratic fusion. Governor Johnson's Plans.

Governor Johnson, who, it is said, can arouse Roosevelt quicker than any other man in the Progressive party, seems to be laying plans to capture the Republican party. The Southern Pacific men in the most golden days never had it on Johnson when it came to doing any kind of politics to win. The State Harbor Board at San Francisco has become a bulging nest

for any old politician who can oil the Tohnson machine. Payrolls are loaded-went up practically 100 per cent. whether the Taft man hit the Rosse- just before the primaries. The same thing obtains through the State. "Let the people rule," say Johnson and his followers, who thereupon order Senplaining to an interested feminine after Works to resign because he breathed a personal private opinion as to the irregularity of the Progressives. They caught a tarter, because Works let out a blast that even silenced the bombastic Johnson. Works won't resign, and gave some good reasons why, which the Progressives did not like a little bit. "Thou shalt not steal," say the California Progressives who stole the Senatorial seat from

The Taft Campaign. About Taft-His campaign so far resembles the Wilson campaign early in

There are enough papers out for clubs, women's and men's up and Taft, but so far there is no big Taft down the State, well organized and leader in California, no cohesion, no blatant. Then came the "Moose" call, concentration on the slogans or the heard first by Governor Johnson, who principles which, loudly relterated, answered rancously and then led the tickle the public fancy and finally clubs in a wild run to the Moose pad- make reputations. The only thing so far has been "Vote for Taft; he gave us the fair," which so far has been a of all he thought he owned in Cali- pretty poor vote getter. Taft will never win out in California with a quiet campaign, not with the clever Progressives who can at present outtalk and outpoint any organization in the

And, as I said, the ladies are in the midst of it all. Every man's club has its double in a women's club. Around The poor Woodrow Wilson clubs near the men's district headquarters went their quiet way. They were nervous women relterate their views. Along the political highways the tinkle tenting themselves with a martyr-like of glasses and the 'Well, here's luck" are almost drowned out by the snave Champ Clark was omnipresent as "Won't you have another cup of tea? the Yes; I thought so. Now, really, you're walkover." Wilson was described as And so it will be during all these

the different county Boards of Super- ment to view the matchless products visors meet in September, to fix the and familiarize himself with the optax rate, they will determine the extent in which their Counties will be able to participate in the California Counties' Building, which, so far as California is concerned, will be the chief feature of the Panama-Pacific International Exposition. Those countles which levy the tax authorized by the last Legislature will be in a position to take advanage of what will be the greatest adversing opportunity that has ever come to them, or probably ever will come to them,-to exploit their products and resources to

the world. Last year thirty-seven Counties made a specia I levy for Exposition purposes. This year pracitically every county in the State is expected to make the full levy, for i seems to be well understood by them that, in order to conform to plans adopted by ade and Chinese Jewelry of all kinds. the counties to make the California Counties' Building and exhibits the most triking feature of the Exposition, every county will need to take advantage of Legislative authorization and levy the full six cents on the \$100 tax every year from now until the ex-

position opens. The Counties' Building, which was agreed upon at the State Convention of Supervisors, in Bakersfield in May, and subsequently ratified by a meeting of Supervisors and their County Exposition Commissioners, held in the St. Francis Hotel, in San Francisco, on June 20th, provides that the California Counties shall be the real hosts at the Exposition, and that their hospitality shall take such shape as to advertise California more effectively than any State was ever before adver-

tised. In order to carry out this it is planned to erect a building of imposing architecture that will combine every essential for county exhibits, as wel as receptions, banquets and other social functions; and to arrange so that no visitor can enter the social section of the building without passing through the exhibits of the different ccunties of the State.

During the Exposition period the Counties will arrange for a constant succession of County Days, on each of which some one county will play the part of host to the visitors attending the exposition, and the county that is host for the day will be given the use of the building for that purpose . By this arrangement there will not be a single day when California is not doing the entertaining. The fame of her hospitality will be spread throughout |-

[Special Star-Bulletin Correspondence] the world, and every visitor to the SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.-When Exposition will be given an induceportunities existing in every county in

In this most important affair the Exposition is working in entire accord with the decision of the counties, and is prepared to furnish any information required regarding County partici-

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Floated from Japanese Coast to Scotland Through the Northwest Passage

SAN FRANCISCO, July 12 .- A life preserver which had drifted 12,000. miles from the coast of Japan to Scotland, was received here today by Cap-tain Robert Dollar, of the Dollar Steamship Company. The life preserver floated from the wreck of the Stanley Dollar, which went aground in Yokohama harbor, in September, 1905. It is believed to have drifted through the Northwest Passage, the first authentic record of such an occurrence, and was picked up near the Shetland Islands last September.

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